

Griffs to Take Long Trip After Five Games Here—Team Loses Eighteen Games By One Run

FIVE MORE GAMES BEFORE DEPARTING

Griffmen Leave Friday Night to Play All Enemies.

TEAM IS IN AKRON TODAY
Home Stay of Washington Club Has Seen Few Victories.

BY LOUIS A. DOUGHER.
Five more games are due to be played at Georgia avenue before the Griffmen depart for a swing around the entire circuit, to last a whole month. Two more games are with the Tigers and three with the Athletics.

Today the Griffmen are playing the New York Giants in an exhibition game at Akron, Ohio. Bert Gallia is expected to start the contest on the mound. Immediately after the game the Washington club will rush to their train and return home to complete their series with the Tigers.

This morning Hughie Jennings took his team to Baltimore for an exhibition game with Jack Dunn's Orioles. This game was to have been played last Sunday, but rain interfered and so it comes today.

It's All Up Hill.
The future shows nothing but an uphill road for the Griffmen. If they are to climb into the first division, they will have to show more consistency than they have thus far. They will have to back up their winning pitchers, Du Mont, Johnson, and Shaw, better than they have.

It is more than likely that the team will leave in a lowly position in the pennant race, but it is Griffith's idea that the team will return much improved in the standings. Thirty-four games are to be played on foreign fields within the month, beginning next Saturday, and if the team upholds its old reputation when away from home, the Old Fox may be found to be in the right. However, the hope is against him.

Have Won Seldom.
Since coming home from their first swing through the West, the Griffmen have hung up just five victories in seventeen games played. Two furious ties have been played with the Indians, leaving ten defeats. This averages 33.3, and it is well known that, unless a team can win 500 per cent of its games it hasn't a chance to finish in the first division.

Following are the scores of all games played since the Griffmen opened their present home stay, May 29:
Boston, 2; Griff, 1.
Boston, 8; Griff, 0.
Boston, 4; Griff, 2.
St. Louis, 4; Griff, 2.
Griff, 2; St. Louis, 0.
Griff, 7; St. Louis, 4.
St. Louis, 6; Griff, 2.
Griff, 3; Chicago, 0.
Griff, 1; Chicago, 9.
Chicago, 11; Griff, 4.
Chicago, 8; Griff, 4.
Griff, 2; Cleveland, 2 (sixteen innings).
Griff, 1; Cleveland, 1 (eleven innings).
Detroit, 4; Griff, 3.
Detroit, 3; Griff, 2.

The Griffmen's outlook cannot be called exactly rosy, and yet it is not so very dark. Du Mont, Johnson, and Shaw are pitching good ball, while every now and then Gallia resembles his old self.

The best thing about the aggregation is its aggressiveness. The boys are fighting for everything, and this counts for much in the long run. If they can get a little luck to mingle with their fighting spirit, they may return in fifth place.

However, it must be admitted that the chances of the team's finishing in the first division are few. Some of the leaders will have to be mixed up in train wrecks for this to happen.

TRAIL HITTING STRIKES GRIFFITH AS POSSIBLE

Manager Expects to Loom Them Over In Bushes Shortly.

Clark Griffith threatens to "hit the trail." The astute manager has no idea of "hitting the trail." Griffith's intent on being a trail hitter these days would be confined to stealthily stalking through the bush in search of talent.

"I'm going to look 'em over shortly," said Griffith today. "We are down around the bottom, and I'm going out after new blood."

"Murray, the Brown player, accepted the terms I wired him awhile ago, and I'm going to give him a trial right away. Several of my friends gave Murray a good word, and said he would make good, but that he was green and a youngster."

Just as soon as he gets here he will get a chance as will the other young players. Murray is said to be a good infielder and a natural hitter, and I will look him over right away.

The newest National will get in town on Thursday after the Brown-Holy-Cross game, and will probably go into the lineup.

KELLY RETAINS TITLE

Single Sculler Wins in Regatta of Vesper Boat Club.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—Jack Kelly, champion single sculler of the Schuylkill river for the last three years, defended his title yesterday and again won the event at the annual regatta of the Vesper Boat Club. Kelly's opponents received a handicap of a length. Kelly gradually crept up on his competitors and soon was leading by four lengths.

Lose Eighteen By a Single Run

Griffmen, Playing Good Ball, Are Nosed Out by Tigers When Cobb Slams Triple Scoring Two Team Mates.

The series between the Detroit Tigers and the Griffmen now stands even at three victories apiece, thanks to Ty Cobb's thunderous triple yesterday that scored two runs and allowed the visitors to cop the second game, 3 to 2. That wallop, coming in the eighth inning, when the home boys thought they were going to win, swung the pendulum the other way.

The Griffmen won three out of four from the Tigers in Detroit and have now dropped two straight to Jennings' bunch here. Yesterday was the eighteenth defeat by one run this season.

Du Mont had no excuses to make when the laurel leaves of victory were snatched from his outstretched hand. He had walked Spencer and Young and there were two down when Cobb came to the plate. Bing, bloated and away that ball sailed over Zeb Milam's head for a triple.

Those two runs decided the game, as Ryan, who doubled in the ninth, was left on third base when Shanks and Leonard fell down.

Get an Early Lead.
The Griffmen got an early lead when Rice drew a pass from Ehmske in the second and walked on Leonard's triple to the right field corner.

Bobby Veatch hammered the ball over the right field fence, just over the tobacco sign, in the fourth, and the score was tied. That was one of the longest drives in the history of the new park.

Foster tripled with one gone in the sixth, the ball going out over Cobb's head, and the midge tottered over when Milan came to time with a healthy single to right.

Ehmske in Pine Form.
Howard Ehmske, the Tigers' tall twirler, was in fine form, but he found a tough customer in George Du Mont. In seven innings Ehmske allowed three runs, four hits, and four errors.

One Must Go.
Evidently the league is not big enough for both men. There is apparently no mistake about McGraw's statements. He charged Toner with incompetence, following the executive's action in imposing a \$500 fine and a long suspension after McGraw had struck Umpire Byron, following a game in Cincinnati.

Charges that Toner has favored the Philadelphia club, that he was handicapped by that club, and that he had consistently made his actions against the interests of the New York club were made by McGraw.

A personal feeling was dragged into the brawl when McGraw, recently Toner's referee, to admit an insult when Byron told McGraw he had been run out of Baltimore, hinted that Toner had jumped a contract when he was a big league pitcher.

Is Up To Directors.
There is no precedent in baseball for McGraw's statements. The board of directors has been called for session here either to sustain McGraw, force an apology, or make McGraw refuse published statements purporting to come from him.

Original intentions of protesting the fine are said to have been abandoned by President Hempsford, of the New York club. It is said he will make an effort to find out why Byron was not disciplined for his part in the scrap.

TENER TO QUIT?
Friend Says Executive Will Not Run for Re-election.

PITTSBURGH, June 17.—John K. Toner, president of the National League, will retire at the end of the present season. It has been announced here by a very close friend of the former governor of Pennsylvania.

Toner, in the winter of 1913-14, was elected to the presidency of the parent major circuit for a term of four years, succeeding Tom Lynch, who gave way only under great pressure. Toner served one year while he was still Governor of Pennsylvania, but only to receive no pay for his services. Secretary John A. Heydler, former president, was the power behind the throne meanwhile.

MRS. BRAHANY WINS
Captures Sheridan Cup in Golf Tournament.

Mrs. Thomas W. Brahany defeated Mrs. Alpheus Winter, 2 up, in the final round of the weekly putting tournament at Columbia Country Club, and the victory gave her possession of the Sheridan Cup.

MAY GET RECORD.
A recount of the returns may hand Bob Simpson, the Missouri timber tapper, another record on his work in the Western conference meet a week ago yesterday. Simpson won the 220-yard hurdle race in 0:24.1 seconds. This race was run around a curve. Simpson holds the 3 to 1 record at 23.5 of a second better time, but it was done on a straightaway. Martin Delaney says Saturday's race is a record for the race on a curve.

LOCAL RAILROADERS LOSE FIVE IN ROW

Unable to Win a Game in Intercity League.

AUDITORS CLINCH HONORS
Take First Series Title in Terminal R. Y. M. C. A. League.

After having met five of the eight teams in the Motive Power League of the Pennsylvania Railroad, embracing cities throughout the East, the Washington Terminal R. Y. M. C. A. representative nine has failed to score a victory.

Yesterday's loss to New York, 6 to 3, was Washington's fifth consecutive defeat.

Next Saturday the local nine, consisting of players of the Car Department and Shop teams, of the Terminal R. Y. M. C. A. League, will journey to Trenton, N. J., for a game.

First Half Nearly Over.
The intercity organization's schedule is nearly half complete. Each team in the league meets every other twice, playing one game at home and one away.

Auditors to practice together have re-ventured the Washington players from making a better showing. The railroaders are hard pressed for time.

General Office, for Forrest Thompson as its mainstay pitcher, is likely to give the Southern Auditors a battle for the second series title. General Office was beaten in the first section by a small margin.

With the Roseade and Capital City Leagues having difficulties which threaten to disrupt them, it is said that the railroaders are enjoying a successful season.

Interest is seldom lacking in the games. Car Department, a team with out a show for pennant honors, turned out a full force Friday and played two innings of a game with General Office in the rain.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

This is the last week for Washington to have any major league baseball until the team returns from its tour of the entire circuit, which will begin on Monday. The Griffmen have not exactly come up to expectations, but on the whole they have played a lot of good baseball. Whether or not they manage to scramble out of the first division this season hangs largely upon their hitting, which is an old subject. They have done a lot of good hitting, and several of the players are improving week by week. If the team continues to show its present fighting spirit, the hope for a higher ranking than seventh for the 1917 campaign.

Pittsburgh fans are said to be after the scalp of one Jack Keefe. Callahan. Furthermore, they are said to want John Peter Wagner, the rookie third baseman, as successor of the far-famed story-teller from Chicago. Callahan has a rocky road ever since going to Pittsburgh. Cursed with a weak team, he has had to endure criticism from all quarters. The end seems at hand. Wagner may not be the laborer of a manager, but Callahan is doomed.

When Pete Herman, bananaweight champion, recovered from his \$7000 loss to "certain boxing writers," he went to a leading writer in Philadelphia, who gave it to him. Herman, who is a former manager, is a man of few words, but he is a champion's throne know that they don't need to talk a great bureau around him. Herman didn't know until he talked with that Philadelphia writer.

The gentleness of Garry Herrmann in having stenographic notes taken of the famous "peace meeting" between the lords of organized baseball and the Federal League chieftains brought about the collapse of the big suit, for when President Griffith was asked if he represented the entire Federal League and replied in the affirmative, President Baile, of the Baltimore club, made no objection. There, where the suits were hanging, the major leagues have been whitewashed of conspiracy charges confidence among owners, players, and fans is restored, and all future litigation under the antitrust law is impossible. Garry, old scout, you know something!

Benny Leonard is an American first, last, and always. Ed Barrow, boss of the International League, invited him to take part in a bout at the Toronto baseball park for the benefit of the Canadian Red Cross. Leonard's reply was that he would do all in his power to aid the Red Cross, but he would do his boxing in New York, and the American Red Cross would get the money. Nothing very wrong about Benny that I can see.

Tomorrow's star-chamber session of the directors of the National League should be a humdinger, and the little bird able to listen to the warring actors could make his fortune if he could bring back the orations word for word. Charges of countercharges of serious import have been brought, and the battle should be a finish. Either President Toner must be punished, or McGraw severely punished, or McGraw should be praised and rewarded for driving Toner from the game. Toner should be no longer measures. If the National League would retain the respect of the public.

Today the Yankees and Browns are to play a regular league game at

BOYS CAN ARRANGE TIME FOR MATCHES

Entrants In City Title Events Queried By Doyle.

MANY NOW HOLDING JOBS
Schools Expecting to Put in Host of Racqueters By Week-end.

Concessions will be made to entrants in the junior and boy's tennis championship tournament which gets under way next week on the Princeton courts because of unusual conditions in the city, according to Louis I. Doyle, in charge of the affair.

A number of youngsters, who have signified their intention of entering the events, say they will be unable to play in the mornings on account of being at work. This would allow but few of the boys to get a chance at the titles, and for the first time in the history of the events the boys are asked to stipulate what time they can take the courts.

Changes Matches.
Lou Doyle says he thinks it will be possible to arrange the matches so that all boys can be accommodated, no matter what time they can take the courts.

What will be singles and doubles for the juniors and singles and doubles for boys. The former must conform to the age limit, of nineteen and the latter to sixteen. In splitting up competition in two classes more boys will get in line.

Several of the high schools have signified intentions of entering large squads. The affair has been advertised in the schools. Numbers of boys who have been at school out of town will probably enter. Entries will be accepted up to June 24.

Winners Not In Line.
Dean C. Howard and Harold Selden, winners of the first two tournaments, will not be in competition owing to their being over the age limit.

Entries should be sent to Louis I. Doyle, 1320 Ohio street, northwest, or J. Howard Hixson, 608 Rock Creek Church road northwest. The decision to allow the boys to stipulate the time at which they can best play matches is expected to draw out a number of players who under other conditions would have been unable to compete.

Sunday Baseball Would Help Leagues Might Contribute Big Sum to Red Cross and Also Attract Many Recruits to Eastern Ball Parks.

The plan to play Sunday ball in the East in order to raise funds for either the Red Cross or some military purpose has much to commend it, even though serious opposition has developed in at least two cities, writes E. A. Batchelor in the Detroit Free Press. In the first place, it would enable organized baseball to make a substantial contribution toward a patriotic object. In the second, it would be an excellent thing for the game in several ways.

There are many potential fans that cannot spare the time to go to ball games on week days, but that would enjoy the pastime on the Sabbath. The more enthusiastic this class might become over the game, the more effort it would make to find time to take in games and the surer it would be to turn out for holiday contests.

Would Bring in Recruits.
Another class of people that could take an occasional afternoon off to attend a contest will not do so because its taste for the game never has been sufficiently developed to make the effort seem worth while. If persons of this sort could see a few Sunday games, they would be apt to decide that the game is worth arranging business affairs so as to be at the parks now and then on week days. In other words, Sunday games would bring many recruits to the ranks of fandom.

Still another consideration is that by playing these games for patriotic purposes now, the majors would perhaps open the way to getting permission to continue for their own profit some day. The fans that would attend these "benefit" games would surely be strong boosters for Sunday ball and when the war is over, if the authorities want to put the lid on again their voices might be heard in the land.

It was not so very long ago that the Cleveland and Detroit ball yards were "dark" on Sundays, but the public has been educated to a point now where it would cause a riot if the Sabbath games were to be prohibited in these towns. If there is any objection to Sunday baseball in Detroit at the present time, it certainly has not made itself felt very much.

Even some of those folks that were dubious about introducing the "first day" contests here when the experiment was tried, now are willing to admit that no harm has been done by letting down the bars.

Professional baseball as now conducted is such an orderly affair and the crowds are so well behaved and well regulated that there is no real argument against playing on Sunday. On the other hand, were the sport patronized by a rowdy element and were the players given to putting on brawls instead of attending to their business, there would be every reason for the prohibiting citizens to take arms against it.

Would Make Money, Too.
Undoubtedly, Sunday baseball in the East would mean thousands of dollars in the coffers of every club in the two major circuits. Banner crowds would turn out regularly, even in cities where the week-day attendance is poor.

The plan of donating the entire receipts to the furtherance of the war would mean the placing of a large fund at the disposal of whatever organization might be designated to receive it.

The leagues could well afford to turn over this money, too, for they have been competing for the right of advertising and the making of new fans.

FORCE SCHOOL CRACKS WIN SCHOOLBOY MEET

Well Balanced Team Also Adds to Division Total At Stadium.

Force School with a well-balanced track team succeeded in capturing the annual division meet of the Washington Playground Association, held at the Central stadium yesterday. There were more than 600 boys in competition.

With twenty-four boys qualified, Force School won thirty-six points. The team included Sullivan, Dalton, Murphy, Wright, and Kerman contributing to the total. Points were scored by other schools as follows: Industrial Home 24; Ross, 11; Hubbard, 10; Thompson, 8; Cooke, 8; Hill, 7; Henry-Polk, 8; Eaton, 7; Ludlow, 7; Wright, 5; Seaton, 5; Bryan, 5; Abbott, 4; Maury, 4; Carberry, 4; Wallack-Towers, 3; West, 3; Cranch, 3; Morgan, 3; Addison, 3; Randle Highlands, 2; Pierce, 2, and Twining, 2.

Norman Hutchinson's high jump of 5 feet 2 inches, the broad jump in the 80-pound class by W. Frank, of the Cooke School, and the performance of the Industrial Home School relay featured the meet.

GEORGES CARPENTIER ON WAY TO AMERICA

Private Cablegram Brings News of Frenchman's Visit.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Georges Carpentier, the French prize fighter and aviation hero, is reported to be on his way to America. Carpentier's purpose for the visit is not included in the report, which is well founded.

A private cablegram brought the news that Carpentier had sailed for the United States.

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COMPETITION KEEN IN TENNIS LEAGUE

Players Well Matched At Season's Start.

MANY THREE-SET MATCHES
Teams Begin Regular Saturday Engagements on Courts.

Unless all signs fail competition in the Suburban League this summer is going to prove unusually keen. Three-set matches in two engagements yesterday showed the closeness of play.

Holmes and Racquet, conceded the strongest team in the circuit, met in the opener yesterday, and while Holmes managed to win four out of seven matches, three of the engagements went to three sets.

Argyle and Standards also staged three three-set matches before Bureau won four out of the seven engagements. Princeton won five out of seven from Home Club.

Horace Barber, of Holmes, opposed E. Dowd, of Racquet, in a No. 1 singles. Dowd's game has improved so much during the past year that Barber was forced to go three sets for the issue. The Racquet player took the first set at 6-4, but dropped the last two sets at 6-2 and 6-3. Cecil Dowd took a three-set match from John Holmes, of the Holmes Club, winning out at 6-4, 2-6, and 8-6.

Knox and Clear, of Petworth, in No. 1 doubles, won the only match of the day for their team taking Tracy and Cook, of Euclid, into camp by 8-2 and 6-2.

In the City and Suburban League, Y. M. C. A. won four out of five matches from Springfield Road. The Industrial Railway and Electric won the same number from Sherwood while Takoma took four out of five from Fairmont. City and Sherhill League players are meeting two singles and three doubles engagements every Saturday. The league is a newcomer to District ranks and has a number of first rate players.

Play will continue during the week in the Women's Tennis League. The season is drawing along despite the many postponements occasioned by wet courts and bad weather.

Holmes will play at the Home Club courts on Saturday. Princeton will go over to the Racquet Club courts, Bureau of Standards will journey to the Petworth Club while Euclid will engage the Argyle players on the Argyle courts.

PROMINENT PROS TO PLAY

Jack Burgess and McLeod Included in White Marsh Tourney.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—Many of the most prominent professional and amateur golfers in the country will play in the patriotic golf tournament to be held over the White Marsh course, on the outskirts of Philadelphia, on June 20, 21, and 22. Talented players will be held in place of the open championship, originally scheduled to be held at Bras Burn, in Boston.

Among the professionals who will be seen in action are James M. Barnes, professional champion in 1910; Fred McLeod, a former open champion; Tom Kerrigan and Tom McNamee, Norman Maxwell, the Philadelphia club, and Max Marston, of Baltusrol, will be among the leading amateurs. Jack Burgess, professional, of Chevy Chase, also is entered.

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